

Welcome to Malaysia

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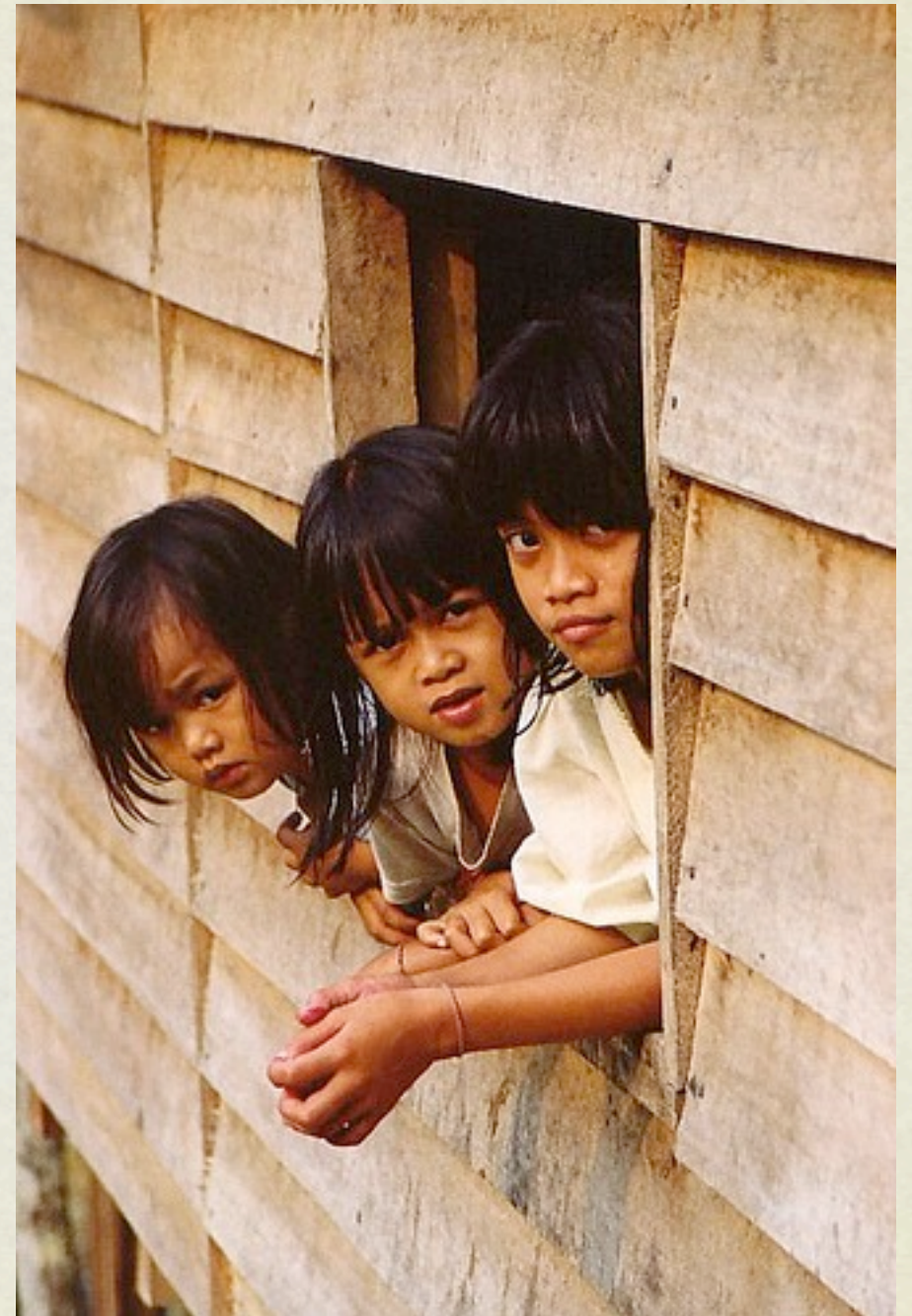
Geography

- Malaysia is located in South-East Asia bordering the South China Sea between Vietnam and Indonesia.
- It occupies a total area of 329,750 square km of land
- The Climate is very tropical and is subject to annual monsoons and flooding
- Natural Resources include tin, petroleum, timber, copper, iron ore, natural gas and etc.



People

- Malaysia has a total population of 18,845,340. They are made up of mostly Malay (59%) and Chinese (32 %). The main religions are Muslim, Buddhist, and Hindu.
- Malay is the official language; English, Chinese dialects and Tamil are also spoken there.



Culture



- Composed primarily of Malays, Chinese and Indians.
- Malaysian culture is best described as cosmopolitan.
- Nowhere else in the world can one find three major races, various smaller indigenous tribes and a vast assortment of foreigners and sharing such an excellent relationship,
- Malaysians are usually at least bi-lingual, Bahasa Malaysia or the Malay language is the official language and English is the second most widely spoken.

Weather



- Tropical without extremely high temperatures.

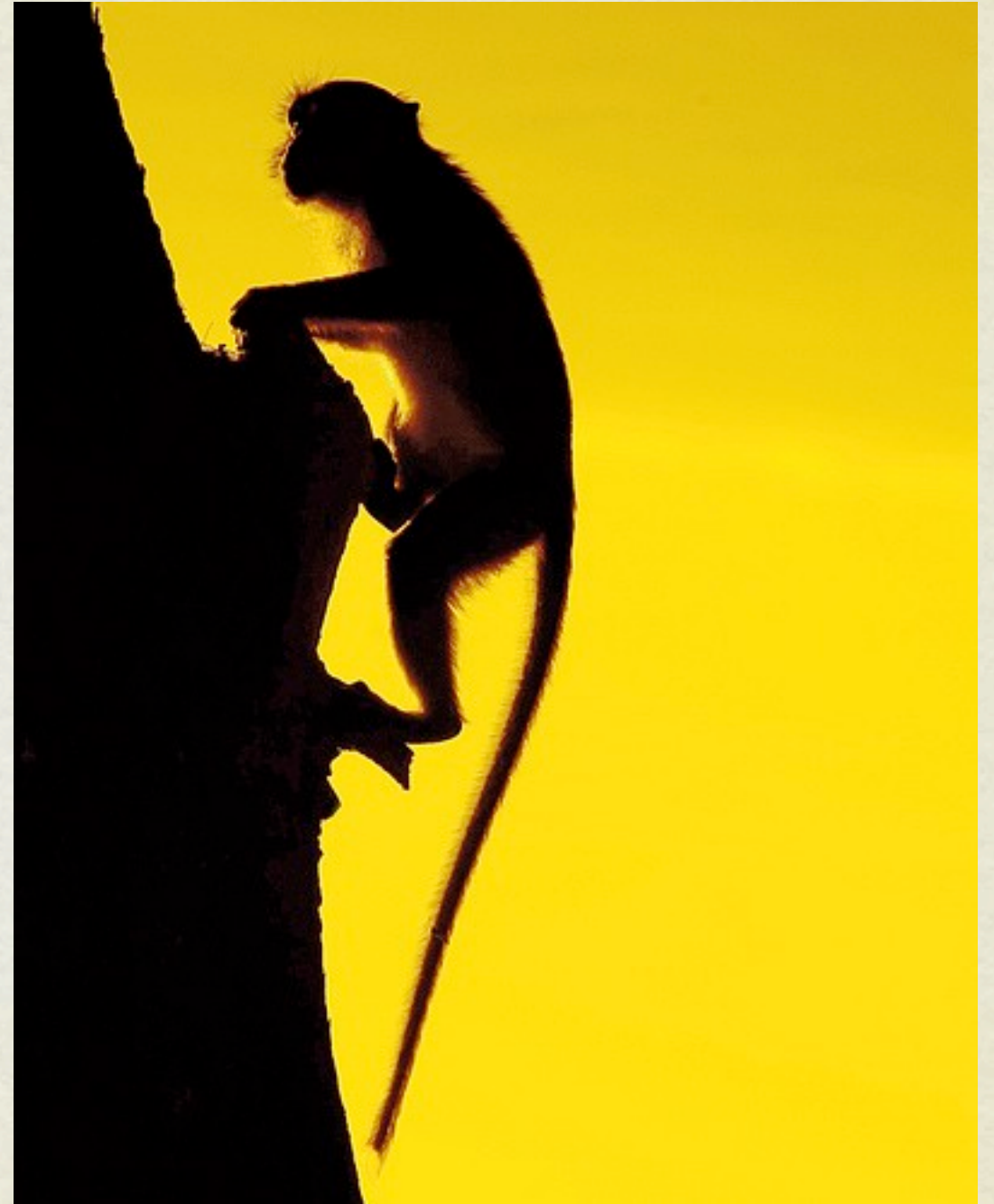
- Days are very warm and often humid, while nights are fairly cool.

- The main rainy season in the east runs between November and February, while August is the wettest period on the west coast.

- Average daytime temperatures in Kuala Lumpur are around 27°C (82°F) year round.

Communication

- Malaysia has many railroads and inland waterways. The ports are in Tanjogn Kidurong, Kota Kinabalu, Kuching, Pasir Gudant, Penang, and etc.
- There is good intercity telecommunication system throughout the country.



Religion

- Multi-confessional society, more than half being Muslims
- Yet, other religions are also tolerated.



Clothing

- The cloths should cover shoulders and thighs.
- It must not be transparent
- It must not be tight over the body.



Kuching, Malaysia

- Biggest city in Sarawak, Malaysia.
- The city is in the district of Kuching, which is in Kuching division of Sarawak.
- The time is one hour earlier than Seoul.



Local Custom

- **General:**

Everyday etiquette is relaxed and straightforward. Visitors behaving courteously are unlikely to unintentionally give offense.

- Seniority is greatly respected within Malay households. The eldest male of a family should be greeted first and frequently sits in the best or highest seat.
- Pointing with a finger is considered to be extremely rude. Instead, the entire hand should be used to indicate a direction, but not a person.
- Although no host will insist upon it, it is polite to remove one's shoes at the door of a house upon entering. It is also customary to do so upon entering a mosque or an Indian temple.
- Comfortable and informal clothing is suitable during the day and recommended all year round because of the tropical climate. However, as Malaysia is a predominantly Muslim country, conservative dress is most appropriate. Women should not wear dresses, skirts or shorts that are too short. In cities, towns and villages, shorts are considered highly inappropriate. Do not dress in any manner that may give the impression that you are a "hippie," as "hippies" are banned from the country.
- For formal occasions or evening wear, formal attire is expected. Men should wear a suit and tie or a long-sleeved batik shirt. Evening dresses or cocktail dresses are recommended for women.

Days Left : 15 days

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